

Drinking Water Lead Testing

In response to Health Canada's new lead limit for the guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality and Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) guidance document for Managing lead in Municipal Drinking Water Systems, the MD of Fairview Utilities staff will be conducting lead testing from June to September of 2022 in the hamlets of Bluesky and Whitelaw.

This is to ensure residents have safe drinking water in their homes and businesses. This program is in response to updated guidelines put forth by Health Canada and AEP. We will be selecting a group of houses and businesses that have a higher chance of lead service lines based on construction date.

The highest risk buildings are those that were constructed before 1960, however some recent construction does not eliminate the risk of lead leaching into drinking water. Newer brass fittings can potentially release more lead than older fittings. Building codes prior to 1960 allowed for the use of lead piping for home water services, as well as plumbing solder and brass fittings with high lead content. According to Health Canada these can be primary sources of lead contamination in drinking water.

Letters will be sent to selected homeowners and business owners in the hamlets of Bluesky and Whitelaw to set up a date/time for our utilities staff to complete the testing. Results will be kept confidential. The results of testing will only be released to you, and Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP), with a letter of consent signed by you.

For more information, please visit the link below:

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/ee382aa2-41fb-4454-b9b2-ce3283fd85dc/resource/133a1b43-0d0e-42ae-a022-96403d21ab1f/download/aep-guidance-document-for-managing-lead-in-municipal-drinking-water-systems-version-1-3.pdf>

